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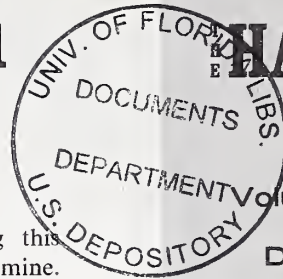
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Season's Greetings

'Bombs in the mail are not my bag!'



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Wondering what to give the man who has everything this Christmas? How about a nice, spanking-new anti-personnel mine.

But if you give him one, don't mail it! Christmas night in prison is the loneliest night of the year.

U.S. Army and postal officials have been waging an unyielding campaign this year to arrest the flow of dangerous souvenir war trophies through the mail; and it looks as if they have just about stopped the illegal traffic.

Forty electronic mine detectors have been in use in Vietnam postal units for over a year now keeping weapons and explosives out of the mail.

In a days' work the electronic snoopers have turned up a motley collection of *engines de guerre*: rifles, pistols, knives of every shape and size, machine guns, and a variety of hand grenades. Once, according to the *MACV Reporter*, they even uncovered a Claymore mine!

The Army now has on order a space-age version of the mine detectors—a portable X-ray machine that can see through the most elaborate kinds of packaging legerdemain.

At the postal units in Vietnam, patrons are advised that their homeward-bound bundles are subject to electronic scrutiny. At this point packages can be withdrawn with no questions asked: Just walk away with a shrug of the shoulders and that "I'll go quietly, officer" look. Sending prohibited items through the mail can be costly and time consuming: a maximum of five years imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine.

(MACV Directive 643-2 is the official word on what can and cannot be retained as a souvenir war trophy and, of course, must be strictly followed.)

A tour in Vietnam has certain advantages and disadvantages. It does, for one thing, offer an excellent chance to add a little excitement to an otherwise ho-hum Christmas list.

Her heart will surely be won forever when she discovers your incendiary hand grenade under the Christmas tree, and that diletantish friend will find your Claymore mine the perfect accessory for his game room.

But if you really want to "move" the mail, keep the weapons out! Use zipcode instead.

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OUR COVER

THE HALLMARK's Christmas wish to the field was designed and composed by SP4 David Blow, illustrator, HQ USASA.

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These Soldiers Have 90 Dependents

On a hilltop overlooking the northern-most part of Bien-Hoa Province, Vietnam, sit three wood and mortar buildings and a hog run. The buildings are plain, not very large and sparsely furnished. By American standards, the compound is not a desirable place to raise children. But for the 90 Vietnamese, Cambodian and Chinese children who live at the Da-Ming Orphanage near Bien-Hoa City, the compound is home. And for the soldiers of Headquarters Company, 303d Radio Research Battalion, the orphanage is a project worthy of their support and time.

The orphanage was founded in 1965 and is now operated by Sister Cecilia and seven other nuns of the Dominican Order. The sisters have their hands full. Caring for babies, looking out for the older children, teaching, and maintaining the orphanage facilities is a bigger job than would seem possible for them to handle, but their

burden is lightened by a civic action program under the direction of 303d Operations Officer MAJ Joe A. Frerking. The program provides assistance through the off-duty help of Headquarters Company volunteers.

Every other day a water truck is sent to the orphanage to fill cisterns which were constructed by the Company, and clothes sent to Vietnam by CONUS returnees are delivered to the sisters for distribution among the children. There is no trouble finding troops to go to the orphanage, because everyone likes to visit the children.

1LT Charles Narburgh, battalion liaison officer and a Vietnamese linguist, is the project coordinator and English teacher at Da-Ming. "We have a great time out there, the kids as well as the troops. There is so much to be done that everything . . . may not be noticed, but it feels good to help them."

The children enjoy playing with

their soldier-buddies so much that it is sometimes a problem getting any work accomplished. 1LT Narburgh solved this problem by enlisting the aid of Miss Diane Reddeman, an American Red Cross girl at Long Binh. "The kids are fascinated by the American girl, and while she entertains them, I go to work."

The men of the 303d obtain milk for the children through the area civil affairs officer, and have donated enough money to purchase a small refrigerator to store the milk. Future projects include rejuvenating some of the buildings and constructing new facilities to replace those that are beyond repair.

According to MAJ Frerking, "No one has a lot of free time around here, but . . . volunteers for orphanage work are easy to come by. With the prayers of the sisters and the work of our volunteers, support for these children will continue as long as we are here."

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TC&S Tests New Mess System

Trainees at the USASA TC&S Tactical Training Course were given a break recently when the normal menu of C-Rations was replaced with hot meals by SPEED.

SPEED is the Army Materiel Command's abbreviation for Subsistence Preparation by Electronic Energy Diffusion, a system which makes possible extremely rapid cooking of full-course meals.

SPEED's miniaturized kitchen, and microwave and convection ovens make it possible to heat convenience food, such as pre-cooked frozen items, for as many as 200 men in only 30 minutes. A meal of roast beef, which normally requires four hours, can be prepared in just over one hour with SPEED.

The unit was field tested at Ft. Devens through a joint project of the TC&S and the Materiel Command's Natick, Mass., laboratory.

The SPEED mini-kitchen is de-

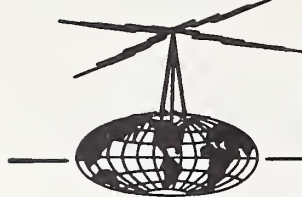
signed for use in the field, and is small enough for easy transport. Besides having all the equipment needed for preparing and serving meals, the unit also includes an incinerator which al-

lows use of disposable tableware.

Although the SPEED-prepared food was generally well received by the TC&S soldiers, C-Rations were made available to those who insisted. ■



TC&S chowhounds line up for SPEED-cooked food. (Photo by SP5 Vernon Wicks)



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

Alaska—Our detachment in Alaska has had 100% participation in the Savings Bond program for five consecutive years.

"Ft. Shemya," new unofficial name for FS Shemya, has two new Sergeants Major: SSM William Jones and CSM Boozer—the unit mascot. "ASA Goes to the Dogs" in the August HALLMARK reported that Boozer had no rank, so Shemya's CO, LTC B. E. Slesinger promptly remedied this situation by making Boozer a Command Sergeant Major. Meanwhile, SSG Thomas W. Liggett, now at Arlington Hall, said he cut orders on Boozer in 1966 when the unit had extra E-5 stripes. Incidentally, Boozer, who lives up to his name, has received a commission in the Air Force Reserve as a colonel.



SSG Andrew Cook, Pensacola Det. TC&S, helps representatives from the three "sister services" in collecting old and new toys for underprivileged dependent children in Operation Santa Claus. (US Navy Photo)



Donald and Tammy Leavitt and friend. (Photo by SP4 Stanley Nelson)

California—For most of the year, managing the PX at Two Rock Ranch Station is retired warrant officer Alex Meyer's main job. However, when Christmas approaches, he becomes one of "Santa's Helpers." (He is now on his second wig and beard, having played the role for over 10 years.) Here he listens to the "wants and wishes" of Donald, 3, and Tammy, 2, children of SP5 Terry D. Leavitt.

Ethiopia—Company B received the 1968 Kagnew Station Commander's Trophy on Unit Day from COL Donald H. McKenzie. LT Richard J. Brown is CO and 1SG is George Vacek.

Germany—Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor said, "I am particularly interested in being here this year in view of the invasion of Czechoslovakia," when he visited Herzo's Mt. Schneebery Det. during a brief October inspection trip of Army installations in Germany.

The Masonic Lodge at Bad Aibling is collecting clothes for the Yu Rin Orphanage in Seoul, which is sponsored by Group Korea.

Three recent top honor graduates are SP5 Gregory Ziman, Flak Kaserne, top at the Seventh Army Radio Repair School; SP7 Michael Fried, Herzo, who graduated from the two year MSG & Operations SGT Extension Course in just seven months; and SP5 Layne LaBaume, 318th Bn, who won the GA Douglas MacArthur Distinguished Leader Award in addition to placing fifth in a class of 105.

The 318th's new CSM, Jerry Holub, earned a silver certificate for 10,000 accident-free miles.

Japan—SP4 Willard Haynes and SSG David E. Long have left Chitose for OCS while a direct commission made the jump from SP4 to 2LT easy for Larry Clevenger.

Korea—Our men at Pyong Taek have painted the nearby Shin Seng Orphanage. On Sundays the men entertain and are entertained by the children.

When the Seoul Area Officers' Wives learned of Group's extensive charitable and orphanage work they donated \$100 to each company's work; total \$500!

Maryland—SP5 William Tripplet has received the U of Md. Scholastic Achievement Medallion for maintaining a straight A average during term 5, 1967-68. Tripplet, now at Spt Gp Ft. Meade, was in Taiwan at the time. He was one of only six students in the Far East to be so honored. (Also, the base fund reimbursed 25% of the tuition to all who made "A"s.)

SP5 Timothy A. Parsons, Spt Gp, claims to be the first to get the Benefit Association's new "Silver Certificate of Appreciation. He received it October 11 for a \$25 donation. Can anyone top this? Tell us!

Massachusetts—TC&S was Ft. Devens' largest contributor to the Army Emergency Relief Fund, donating nearly \$3,000. The School is also outstanding in the Savings Bond Program. For achieving 90.3 per cent participation, TC&S received the Minuteman Flag on Unit Day. Also on Unit Day, Company F was honored as the Unit of the Year, based on commander's evaluation, academic standing, etc.

Individuals honored at TC&S include SSM Robert S. Isaacs, chief instructor Dept. 4, who was promoted to his present rank in September; and SFC Rex C. Barber who was named Instructor of the Week with a perfect rating of five. SFC Barber, a senior instructor in B Div, Dept 1, was only the second man to receive a perfect rating this year.

"Honors" of a different type came to PFC David Contrell, builder, and PFC Timothy Garner, driver, on Co D's winning entry in the Unit Day chariot race. The best design award went to the Co H chariot, styled in the tradition of Roman splendor by Philip Longo and driven by CPT William Stevens.

North Carolina—The 301st Bn at Ft. Bragg has received the Minuteman Flag with two service stars. These stars represent the unit's third consecutive year with over 90 per cent participation in the Savings Bond Program, achieving 94 per cent for the last quarter.



2LTs Richard L. Irvine, Richard F. Driscoll and John Baird received direct commissions October 11 at Spt Gp Ft. Meade. Here SP5 Sam Abayto renders the first salute to 2LT Irvine. He donated the dollar he received to the Benefit Association.



301st Bn CO LTC Kenneth F. Coykendall and CSM Jefferson M. Rhodes display their new Minuteman flag.



Mrs. Joan Allen, president of the Torii Station NCO-EM Wives Club presents a \$50 check for the Benefit Association to Agency CSM Clifford L. Charron. Other club officers from left: Mrs. Betty Hamil, Mrs. Sara Day and Mrs. Kathleen Fry. (Photo by SP4 Donald Barton)

Panama—On October 30, CPT Gerald Schiender and 1LT Frank Urban, Southern Command, were honored for taking first in two command-wide courses—1LT Urban in CBR and CPT Schiender in the Officer's segment, Jungle Operations Course. More than 200 U.S. and Latin American officers and enlisted men took the course.

Thailand—Every Wednesday morning the men from the 7th RRFS Dispensary carry drugs, soap and toothpaste to the nearby village of Noonsung. Several thousand Thais are waiting to be treated for everything from ringworm to malaria to leprosy. Some have walked 30 miles, and many have never before seen a doctor. Often a simple bar of soap has magical curative powers—it is eagerly accepted by dirty but thankful hands. The work is back-breaking, but infinitely rewarding.

Vietnam—The 403rd RR SOD claims the highest per capita contribution to the Benefit Association—\$10.00 (The 50-man unit has donated \$500). This more than doubles the claim by the 400th SOD (see September *Pass in Review*). Any other claims concerning contributions to the Association?

Virginia—Vint Hill Farms Station has a new motto: *Vigilance with Honor; Fidelity thru Service*. VHFS recently received the National Health Agency Distinguished Service Award for the *tenth* consecutive year! The Boy Scouts (Troop 957) at the Station took four blue ribbons out of ten events at a September District Camp-o-ree including the one for First Aid for the third consecutive year.



The Weekly Diogenes



DIOGENES STATION SINOP, TURKEY

Turkey—The WEEKLY DIOGENES, a brand-new four-page tabloid serving Diogenes Station (TUSLOG Det. 4) has a page in Turkish and an entertaining "command information column" featuring SP4 Doofus and MSG Strac!

Diogenes, a famous Greek philosopher born in Sinop about 412 BC, lived in a barrel, ate stale bread and owned only a wooden cup. His goal was to live as simply as possible and he sought to be an exaggerated example of the belief that "Truth" was superior to everything else. After being captured by pirates and sold into slavery, Diogenes spent most of his life tutoring a rich Corinthian.

On September 24 the first American marriage at Det. 4 united Miss Sarah Ellen Adams and SP4 Frederick A. Archibald. The couple met last winter in North Carolina when he was attending jump school at Ft. Bragg and she was attending the U of NC. This summer Miss Adams worked on an archeological team digging in the oldest archeological site in Israel.

During a two-day festival in September, Det. 4 raised \$2917.25—\$2000 for the Benefit Association, \$458.62 toward the cost of installing a shower room at the Sinop Boys' Orphanage, and \$458.62 for new stained glass windows in the chapel.



CDAASG

□ **CDAASG Support Group Started**—The Agency's newest command is the Circular Disposed Antenna Array Support Group (CDAASG). It is located in Warrenton, Va., and attached to Vint Hill Farms Station for administrative and logistical support.

The 26-member group, under the direction of COL Vernon E. Robbins, project manager, is engaged in developing circular disposed antenna array systems for the Department of the Army.

CDAASG's management concept is vertically structured. That is, it gives the project manager sole line authority for all planning, direction, and control of associated tasks and resources. His primary responsibility is accomplishing the assigned objective within the time frame and budgetary limits established.

By means of the vertical management concept, the project manager can concentrate the Support Group's efforts exclusively on the procurement, construction, installation, documentation, and testing of circular disposed antenna array systems.

In addition to COL Robbins, other key members of CDAASG include: Mr. Howard Simons, deputy; Mr. Kenneth N. Farnham, program control officer; LTC William Powell, civil engineering division chief; MAJ Charles H. Freed, electrical engineering division chief; Mr. James Scordellis, procurement officer; Mr. John Scott, technical advisor; and 1LT Howard H. Stine, Jr., administrative officer.

AG

□ **USASA Field Representatives Sought**—The Agency is constantly on the lookout for qualified people who want to serve as field representatives for the command. It is a responsible and challenging position for E6 and E7 NCO's—one that involves much more than merely getting a signature on the dotted line.

It requires serious guidance and counseling; in other words establishing good faith between recruiter and potential enlistee.

Field representatives often write headquarters appraisings and evaluating their jobs. SSG Fred B. Dowell of Kansas City sees his role as an "ambassador of the finest" and Detroit's SFC Roy C. Pryor describes his field rep work as "the GREATEST" (caps his).

The Agency's 49 detachments are scattered from Massachusetts to California to Hawaii. Consequently, field representatives must travel extensively. This means they must be self-sufficient and able to work without direct supervision.

Interested? Look into Section VI of the Military Personnel Procurement Manual, HQ, USASA. You get three choices of area assignment, too.

ODCSFOR

□ **New ARDF Film Still in Process**—Headquarters is receiving many inquiries on the status of the Airborne Radio Direction Finding film. ODCSFOR reports that at present the film is still in the production stage with the photography phase being accomplished at TC&S. DA suspense date for release of the film is the third quarter of FY 1969.

ODCSLOG

□ **QRC Ready for USASA Emergencies**—Whenever the Agency needs a specific piece of equipment to meet an emergency mission requirement, it can rely on its QRC—Quick Reaction Capability.

The QRC is a stopgap measure that cuts procurement and equipment-development red tape to a minimum and speeds the needed piece of equipment on its way to the field, sometimes in a matter of days. It responds to external and internal requests; that is, those coming from the Department of the Army as well as USASA Headquarters and field units.

The QRC program, with the Agency since its establishment in 1945, is most often connected with operational crises. As the number of crises has increased, the QRC has become more flexible so that today it can be applied quickly and effectively to almost any emergency situation that arises.

SJA

□ **Military Trial Law Revised**—The President recently signed into law the Military Justice Act of 1968—the first extensive revision of the military justice system.

The act, an amendment to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, specifies for the first time that a serviceman tried before a special courts martial is entitled to representation by counsel who is a qualified military lawyer, besides being a commissioned officer.

Other provisions of the act stipulate:

- Establishment of an independent judiciary system, or "field judiciary," outside the jurisdiction and possible influence of local commanders.
- Commanders are authorized to defer jail sentences pending completion of reviews and appeals.
- Servicemen can refuse to stand trial in a summary court—regardless of whether they have refused non-judicial punishment—enabling their case to go before a higher court.
- Military counsel will in no way have their efficiency reports affected by the "zeal" with which they defend their clients.

The act embodies changes urged in every session of Congress since 1951 when the UCMJ was promulgated. Most of the provisions do not become effective until August 1, 1969.

ODCSPER

□ **Dependent Residence Requirements Eased**—An upcoming change to AR 55-46 will make it easier for Agency people serving unaccompanied overseas tours to designate Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and U.S. territories and possessions as their dependents' bona fide residence.

In the past, these places had to be the home of record of the serviceman, his wife, or a close relative, before dependents could establish residence. With the change, only a reasonable justification for establishing residency will be required.

The change will also allow government-paid transportation for dependents establishing residence in these places.

□ **USASA and Army-wide Recruiting Comparisons**—DA reports that enlistments Army-wide for FY 1968 were the highest in 20 years—more than 196,000 signed up. Coincidentally, in FY 1968 the Agency met its recruiting goal for the first time in 20 years.

The 1968 Army figure is about 107 per cent better than the previous year. Within the Agency, the 8,310 that joined in 1968 represented 114 per cent of the assigned recruiting objective.

□ **Free Christmas Calls Offered**—"Hi Mom." That's the way many Christmas telephone calls will begin this year thanks to the twelfth consecutive "Hi Mom" program.

Sponsored by the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, in cooperation with the Department of Defense, the "Hi Mom" program gives servicemen overseas a chance to call their families on Christmas Day free of charge.

Top priority in this year's program will go to servicemen who are patients in military hospitals overseas.

The National United Services Organization (USO) and local military commanders will select those to make the calls. The number of calls this Christmas is expected to exceed the 4,000 made last year.

□ **Computer Forecasts to Aid Commands**—The Army Enlisted Evaluation Center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, has developed a computerized report to aid USASA and other major commands with information data on strengths and weaknesses in subject areas within a given MOS code.

It's called the "Evaluation Test Profile Summary Report," and it gives commanders information on specific training needs. Data for the report comes from the results of annual MOS evaluation tests.

□ **Foreign Badge Policy Reminder**—Agency people should remember a few guidelines when wearing foreign badges on their uniforms.

First, no more than one foreign badge should be worn at any time. Next, in no instance should U.S. and foreign badges awarded for similar services be worn at the same time. (The foreign badge, however, can be worn in place of the U.S. one.)

Finally, at least one U.S. badge or service ribbon must be worn with any foreign proficiency, aviation or naval badge.

□ **MOS Scores Mean Something**—Whether or not proficiency pay was awarded, the MOS evaluation scores that came down recently have certain specific meanings.

Here is a rough breakdown of what they signify.

Below 70—failure to verify MOS qualification; this could mean possible reclassification into another PMOS.

70-100—the minimum qualification bracket. Those scoring this range are below average in their grade MOS level and should seriously try to improve.

100-110—just about average, but to be promotion qualified you need 110.

110 and above—promotion qualified, the person is in the upper one-third of those evaluated in the same MOS skill level and grade.

There is a Test Aid for each MOS containing valuable information that can boost your test score. It pays to look into this study aid well in advance of the MOS test date.

□ **OCS Top Three Option Explained**—There is considerable misunderstanding concerning a recent policy change on branch selection by OCS graduates.

The new policy states that only the top three graduates in each OCS graduating class may choose their branch for commissioning.

All OCS applicants, including those entering under the College Option program, list three branch preferences, one of which must be a combat arm. There is, however, no guarantee they will get any of their choices. (Prior to May 1, 1968, College Option candidates in OCS training were allowed to select their branch of commissioning. They can no longer do so.)



"... and a Playboy bunny, and a new Corvette, and ..."



Chitose's Tug O' War contest pits CSM John E. Scagliotti's NCOs (left) against the officers led by COL Donald H. McKenzie. The NCOs won with a late rally (and a little help from some "spectators").



Unit Day

The "Unit Day with ASA" people in the Agency know how to have fun.

The photographs come from the Ethiopia, Field Station Chitose, Warrenton, Va.—and represent Agency units everywhere. That spirit is in an atmosphere of fun.

In the midst of all the festivities, the USASA Benefit Association. Fund raising efforts were universally successful. Anything that people would take part in, broadcast from a roof for, has



It's fun to ride camels. Ask the children of Kagnew. This picture was actually taken last July 4, but the camels returned for Unit Day.



SGT John Mitchell goes high to spike one in volleyball competition at the Vint Hill Farms Unit Day celebration.



Kagnew's intrepid SP5 Gabby Gadbois mans the "Pie in the Eye" booth for the USASA Benefit Association.



The men of Company B at FS Chitose won the Unit Day log relay race. In the picture above they are shown struggling along the course with the heavy log.

With ASA!

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MSG Robert L. Frappier cuts the ceremonial cake at FS Vint Hill Farms. He has been with USASA longer than any other enlisted man at Vint Hill Farms.

Unit Day at FS Chitose included an egg throwing contest for couples only. In the pictures below 1LT William Coleman's better half is on the wrong end of a hard egg toss. When it broke in her hand (right) she came out of the crowd looking for revenge. She and her husband were 30 yards apart.



SP5 Paul Webb, an AFRTS announcer at FS Asmara said he would sit on the roof of the AFRTS building all of Unit Day if the field station raised more than \$2500 for the USASABA. Webb pays off on his bet in the picture above.

Trainees Get OCS Boost At TC&S

by SP4 Ted Sauceman
Information Spec., TC&S

Ask anyone who has seen the TC&S Honor Guard perform what he thinks of the group, and the answers might vary from "perfect precision" to "immaculate uniforms" or any number of other laudatory comments. The men of the Honor Guard don't just happen to be that way. They attained their high standard by working together as a team—at work, in training, and in barracks life.

Although marching as the Honor Guard is their public function, it is not their primary duty. They are all members of the Training Regiment's OCS Preparatory School.

With a college degree no longer a requirement for OCS, the prep school has been established, and graduated its first class on August 16. The school is located in Company D of the 2d Battalion and its mission is to prepare eligible USASA personnel for Army Officer's Candidate School, giving them a three to nine-week advantage over their future OCS classmates.

CPT Frank Roach is the CO of Co D, and is also OCS Prep School Commander. He is assisted by cadre First Sergeant David Danner, and SP4 John Narcise.

The training period is nine weeks long, and is divided into three separate phases.

For the first three weeks the candidates are called "probationaries." During this period, they are referred to as "Norman Newguy," run everywhere in the company area, and are not allowed to wear the distinctive scarf of the candidate.

During the second three weeks, or intermediate phase, the candidates begin to learn to accept responsibility. They practice drill and ceremonies, receive leadership training, study map reading, and participate in physical training. They now wear the distinctive scarf, but must still run in

the company area.

In the last three weeks of the school, leadership training is stressed. The candidates give instruction to the rest of the class and take on positions of responsibility within the company. It is from the senior candidates that the student CO, XO, and First Sergeant are chosen. During this period the men are allowed privileges befitting their senior status.

The candidates' normal duty day runs from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Lights are turned on at 5, with a reveille formation at 5:30. At 7 a.m., following an in-ranks and barracks inspection, the candidates go to their normal classes or duty at the TC&S. Evenings are taken up by PT, drill and ceremonies, other training and free time.

Saturday morning consists of an open foot and wall locker inspection followed by a PT test. There is, of course, special training for those who fail either of these.

The prep school size varies from 60 to 90 men and a new class of from 20 to 30 men begins each three weeks as a senior class graduates. Each class has its own enlisted chain of command such as barracks sergeant and platoon leader and a change of command ceremony is held every Monday and Thursday so that each man can have a try at each command position sometime during his nine weeks of training.

Prep school graduates who don't have immediate orders to an Army OCS are retained in the company to act as assistant instructors. Others serve as barracks sergeants, duty supervisors and in other responsible positions in the Training Regiment.

The prep school is a grueling nine weeks, but it better prepares a soldier for Officer Candidate School and the responsibilities of a commission in the U.S. Army. ■



Student instructors demonstrate the operation of the M79 grenade launcher. (Photo by SP4 Dave King)



SSG David Danner gives a class in military tactics to prep school candidates. (Photo by SP4 Dave King)



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Legion of Merit

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Maurice L. Bakke, George W. Cadmus (1), James C. Cafferty, Irving E. Costanzo, Richard G. Doerer, Peter Gritis, Edwin C. Kelton, Jr., Edward L. Parkman, Elliott W. Polcene, George E. Strickland, Giles B. Withington.

MAJOR: Robert J. Dodson(1), Norbert C. Goodman, Richard G. Morgan, Vernon G. Munson, James M. Sturgeon, William H. Pike.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Justus D. Griffin.

SPECIALIST 4: George A. Maggio.

Bronze Star Medal

CAPTAIN: David R. Morgan, Julian F. Tanner.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Luther L. Potter.
STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Anthony J. Cincotta.

MASTER SERGEANT: Donald L. Allen, Paul M. Foley, Irving Rosenbluth.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Kenneth C. Halterman.

STAFF SERGEANT: Leonard F. Capps, Ted W. Sides.

SERGEANT: Lynn R. Jinks.

SPECIALIST 4: Carroll J. Gerber, Robert W. Walker, Donald L. Weigle.

Purple Heart

SPECIALIST 5: David L. Smith.

Air Medal

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Kenneth G. Harner (3).

STAFF SERGEANT: Royal J. Bergeron (1-16).

SPECIALIST 5: Robert L. Gates (1-20), Stuart E. Hall, Alan L. Slaff (1-16).

SPECIALIST 4: Terrence L. Baranyos, Thomas P. Boldt, Howard K. Bouchie, Thomas S. Crane, Kenneth E. Gable.

Joint Service Commendation Medal

COLONEL: Charles J. Parsons.

SPECIALIST 6: Klaus Wallis.

SPECIALIST 5: Walter N. Wright.

Army Commendation Medal

MAJOR: Marshall W. Breland Jr: (1), Wilbert S. Dishner, Herbert H. Gaines (1), Alfred B. Harter (1), Joaquim D. Martins (2), John C. Maxwell (2), Harold E. Plank, Hillel Samisch, Jr., Julian L. Stevenson (1).

CAPTAIN: James S. Black, Robert L. Criswell (1), Richard R. Hassheider, Bobby H. Hunt, Glenn A. Lazarus, James

P. McCaslin, Francis E. Mills, Ralph A. Palmieri, Russell H. Ray, Werner D. Unzleman (1), Thomas J. Webb, Don G. Wilson.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Garland Gibbs, David J. Hrabosky, James F. Miller, Stephen A. Szader, Robert C. Williams, Gary Z. Winkler, Gary D. Wise.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Francis M. Dawson (1), Gustave J. Wirth (2).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Ralph Blair, Warren J. Hill, Jr. (1).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Leonard Pellegrin (2), John P. Perkins, Loren A. Peterson, R. J. Waller.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Jefferson M. Rhodes (1).

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Robert E. Holder (1), William O. Hurst, Vernon G. Snyder (2).

FIRST SERGEANT: Edmund F. Curtin, Jr., Price H. Easley, Ralph S. Griffith, Gordon A. Johnson, Walter L. McGray, Thomas Paliscak (2), Calvin Savage (1), William P. Simpson, Robert L. Snyder.

MASTER SERGEANT: James L. Branan (2), Frank J. Bunn (1), Francis H. Burns (1), Clinton M. Campbell (1), Alvin F. Fitzgerald (2), Charles C. Gibson, Robert W. Greer (1), David R. Hawks, Donald R. Olson, Charles E. Owens, Chester H. Painter (1), Carl F. Remaley, Harold R. Pitcock (1), Alfred H. Savary, Lyle E. Selix, Eli P. Stevenson (2).

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Roy L. Barton, Joe C. Biorseth (1), David H. Bowman, Jr., John F. Buck, William J. Clark (1), Phillip R. Crandall, Douglas E. Hepner (1), Harold R. Hinzman, John E. Hylton (1), Rowe W. Kimball, Clifford F. Kyer, Francis D. McCabe, Jack Peterman (1), Norman D. Pitts, William F. Segars, Eugene L. Sill, Rhoe A. Thompson (1), Gordon T. Wade (1), Dean A. Wanner, James E. Welch.

STAFF SERGEANT: Joseph F. Beaty, Louis D. Bolanos, Henry Brown, Cleveland L. Canaday (1), Randall R. Chapin, David F. Crass, Lewis D. Criess (1), Peter E. Gould, Michael A. Higgins, Richard D. Holopainen, Preston Jenkins (1), Thomas R. Jones (1), Gerald W. Kok, Dennis J. Lovelace (1), William E. Martin, Raymond McKnight (1), Joseph W. McMoneagle, Loral P. McNeely, Jr., Clifton G. Morrow (1), Jim C. Page, Dennis L. Penderson, John P. Richardson, Paul J. Schurlock, Andrew N. Sooley, Wayne C. Vagtborg, Jerold B. VanHefte.

SPECIALIST 6: William T. Day, Gary

H. Severson, Bonhumer J. Stanhuszek, John H. Thompson.

SERGEANT: Charles W. Cox, Terry V. Harbst.

SPECIALIST 5: Clemon E. Brinson, Richard E. Brewton, Randell L. Clouser, Douglas G. Cole, David B. Dawson, James M. Ferro, Louis H. Goetz, Edward Haggerty, Michael B. Iiams, John C. Klapperich, Larry H. Lankford, William J. Loope, Daniel L. McAlpine, Robert J. McAvay, John C. Norton, Donald L. Pier, George W. Palmer, Robert M. Ransbury, Wayne A. Salge, Theodore A. Swanson, Curtis H. Taylor, Gilbert F. Tibie:o, Jr.

SPECIALIST 4: William J. Carter (1), Wesley K. H. Chong, Stephen R. Cosby, Terry Finklein, Richard S. Lester, Earl Nakamura, Larry C. Richmond, Larry M. Rinehart, Michael J. Wallace.

Numbers in Parenthesis indicate Oak Leaf Clusters received.

Retirement

MAJOR: Jerome M. Gillin.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Elwood W. Zeigler.

MASTER SERGEANT: James L. Branan, Frank J. Bunn, David R. Hawks, Newton S. Phelps.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Jack Peterman, John H. Powell.

SPECIALIST 7: Regina Wexler.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Sustained Superior Performance Award

Robert M. Lynn and Lawton L. Sternbeck.

Outstanding Performance Award

Mrs. Gertrude C. Brown, Royal Burkhardt, Bernard Foley, George H. Schmidt and William R. Vogel.

Certificate of Achievement

Blair Garrett, Donald Geisler, Joseph Gurley, Lee Roy Hay, William Hill, Erwin Pearl, James J. Scordellis and Mrs. Mildred M. Tyler.



R AND R REPORT

USASA sports, recreation and entertainment



LTC B. E. Slesinger, CO "Ft. Shemya," (left) Agency Chief of Staff COL N. E. Sloan and the world's largest cribbage board. (Photo by SP6 R. W. Harding)

BOWLING

Japan—In September, SP6 Alfred Hotaling bowled a perfect '300' game.

Ethiopia—In October, the Pirana team from Milan, Italy, was the first European bowling team to compete in Africa. Even though they are one of Europe's best teams, the Kagnew Station All-Stars outrolled them by 132 pins.

BRIDGE

Massachusetts—SP5 Louis Salzmänn, HQ Co TC&S, won a first place in the October Sectional Bridge Tournament at Cambridge, Mass. Salzmänn is a National Master with nearly 100 master points. At his last assignment in Turkey, he started the Duplicate Bridge Club.



SSG Chuck Reynolds, Kuma Station (Chitose) pitcher, was named most valuable player of the USARJ softball tourney. (See November R&R Report.) (Photo by Samuel D. Bays)

CRIBBAGE

Alaska—"Ft. Shemya," our northern-most field station, boasts the world's largest cribbage boards— 10 feet long and four feet wide! The playing surface of the two boards is perforated steel planking from a temporary WWII runway on the island. Huge strain insulators serve as pegs. One board is in the "Smokehouse," the other in the Officers' Lounge. Both are very popular. Neither has ever been stolen!

FISHING

Florida—A true fish story: over 12 pounds of Black Bass in two casts! On the first cast of an evening fishing trip this fall, SP4 James Hatmaker of Seminole Station, landed a four-pound bass using a personally modified version of a commercial lure. After admiring his catch, he cast again and landed an 8 lb. 5 oz. Black Bass, earning him a Distinguished Angler Award from SPORTS AFIELD magazine! (Given for all Black Bass catches in Florida over seven pounds.)

The award and the bass that won it are now on the wall of the Hatmaker home. The other? The Hatmakers had a delicious fish dinner!

FOOTBALL

Massachusetts—"F Troop" at TC&S had a football season record of 8-3, yet only *six points* were scored against them during the entire season! The explanation? Since ties are not permitted in Ft. Devens league play, "F Troop" lost several 0-0 games on the basis of total yardage.

The HQ CO "Hawks" are league champs with a perfect 9-0 record.

Virginia—Ops Co took the 1968 Vint Hill Farms Flag Football crown with a perfect 12-0 season record.

GOLF

Virginia—In the 36-hole October golf tourney at Vint Hill Farms, SP5 Richard Kauffman took Low Gross with 155, while SSG Chalmer won Low Net with 146. LTC Robert Mulroy was second in both categories.

Ethiopia—SP4 Gary Schwieger, Kagnew Station, slammed a six-under-

par 64 to win the Ethiopian Air Lines Tournament on October 20.

Massachusetts—SSG Salvi Oliva, TC&S, had the low net score in the recent TC&S Golf tournament. Picture and item on low gross scorer SP4 Willie Morrison will be in January HALLMARK.

GYMKHANA

Germany—In a recent Gymkhana at Herzo Base, SP5 Dave Cook, competing in the Sports Sedan Class with a Fiat 850, won Best Over-all Time with 1:38. First place winners in other classes were: SP4 Jim Jones, NSU 1200; PFC Stan Loder, Mercedes Benz 220A; SP4 John Reineck, MGB-GT and SP6 Jim Hedge, Porsche 911.



Prize-winning fisherman SP4 James Hatmaker of Seminole Station at Homestead, Florida.

MARKSMANSHIP

Massachusetts—TC&S marksmen dominated the Ft. Devens Smallbore Championships, taking first in both rifle and pistol competition in October. The team captains were SP5 Jack McWhirter (rifle) and SSG Wade Wellingham (pistol). 1Lt Ted Cambell is OIC.

MUSIC

Massachusetts—In the September Peabody Centennial Parade the band from Co B TC&S placed third in competition with bands from across the country. According to bandmaster SGT Kenneth H. Butler the crowd was, "... one of the largest I've seen."



SP4 Chuck Stiles, Chitose, struggles to keep from getting struck during an international "motorcross." (Photo by SP5 Samuel D. Bays)

Japan—Kuma Station (Chitose) riders earned four prizes in the Motorcycle Federation of Japan (MFJ) 1968 Grand Prix Motorcross. Capturing second through fourth respectively in the Junior Division Open Class 14 km race were SP4 Dennis Saylot, SP5 Roy Barret and SP4 Bob Campbell. SP4 Chuck Stiles placed third in the motorcross.

The demanding course was on a ski slope and included steep inclines, jumps, rocky terrain, hairpin turns, muddy slopes and wide ditches. The Americans were competing against Japanese amateurs and pros. The entire event was televised in color.



2LT David L. Gaul putts in the Vint Hill Farms golf tourney as SSG Robert J. Gunderman picks up the flag. (Photo by SP5 Dean A. Lapp)

BOXING

Virginia—Vint Hill Farms has started a boxing team this year for the first time. Team coach SSG Enrique Rodriguez Jr., a former pro fighter, has coached Army boxing teams for five years. Team members are SP4's George Brooks, Jack Carrol, James Adams and Alvin Terrell.

SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Korea—Co B won the 1968 Group Korea intramural games championship over five other Agency unit teams. In individual sports, Co B won in pool and ping-pong; Pyong Taek won in horseshoes, volleyball and darts.

SOCCER

Massachusetts—At TC&S, the 2d Bn soccer team trounced the 1st Bn 5-2, on October 12 to take the post Bn Level Intramural Soccer Championship. SGT Sam Bowers was captain of the team, which had a perfect 7-0 season record. PFC Mathews was the coach.

POOL

Maryland—Somebody will be "behind the 8 ball" at Spt Gp (Ft. Meade) if the S3 ever finds out who filched the "8" balls from all four pool tables in the dayroom!

SPORTS TROPHY

Maryland—By accumulating the most points, 1600, in 16 team and individual sports, A Co won the USASA Spt Gp Commander's Trophy for the sports year ending August 31. HHC placed second with 1505 points.

Champions in individual sports were: HHC; basketball, shuffleboard, golf and horseshoes; A Co; table tennis, pool, bowling, pinochle, tennis and badminton, and Stu Co; volleyball, chess, softball and track.

Massachusetts—The TC&S HQ Co "Hawks" won the Ft. Devens 1967-68 Company Level Commanding General's Sports Trophy with 995 points, and five other Agency companies placed in the top ten.

In competition for the CG's Trophy on the Bn level, TC&S took the first three places. 2d Bn was first with 1100 points, followed by 1st Bn and HQ Co.

SWIMMING

Ethiopia—The Aquazelles, Kagnew Station's AAU swim team, recently won second in the 1968 Mediterranean Sports Conference post swimming tournament. Out of 30 events, Kagnew took nine gold medals, ten silver and five bronze. Top individual winner was Lee Manchester, 12, with two firsts and a second in the Junior Boys Division, winning the 25-meter free-style and backstroke, and the 100-meter relay.



At Vint Hill Farms, SP5 Bob Hurdlebrink, Mat Spt Comd, runs SP5 Thomas E. Kimpton out of bounds. (Photo by SP5 John P. Shaw)

TENNIS

Ethiopia—In the Kagnew Station Table Tennis Tourney, SP4s Pat Chruchville and Mike Kern took the doubles title without losing a single game, let alone a match. SP4 Mike Griffith took the singles title.

Thailand—SP5 Ken Hines won the first area military Open Tennis Championships, losing only one set on his way to vanquishing four Bangkok area opponents.

THEATRE

Germany—Rothwesten's Cloak Players latest productions were "The Life and Death of Sneaky Fitch," directed by SP5 Ken Helton and "Denny and the Witches," directed by SP4 John Taylor. At Herzo Base SP4 Ronald Zielinski and his wife Sandy were featured players in a production of "Bell, Book and Candle."

the unsung breed

by

CW2 James C. Reese Jr.

ODCSR&D
HQ, USASA

Their names are never heard by an unsuspecting public. Their deeds are rumored to be fact and often are factual rumors. They serve throughout the world helping to guard the security of America, keeping her armed forces prepared to meet the threat of aggression and her shores inviolate from the trespass of aspiring dictators and their hordes. This nameless breed works around the clock whenever duty calls.

Their duties are not glorious nor heroic. Their tasks are not dangerous nor fraught with the perils of combat. Their feats will never be sung throughout this land of ours. Their accomplishments cannot be openly praised nor can they ever boast, however modestly, to their wives, their tavern friends, or acquaintances on the street, of what they do.

I have known a few of this magnificent breed. Their names are a potpourri of Americana. Their personalities are varied, each one unique, yet all are striving toward the common goal—optimum performance of mission accomplishment by personnel of the Army Security Agency.

These men go through their daily tasks unaware of the critically important contributions they are constantly making toward the freedom and security of Americans everywhere. They are not praised by their superiors nor lauded by their contemporaries. Their exploits are not reported in the modern communications media of our world and their only meager compensation is self-satisfaction. How many Americans would be willing to work for their country today, their only reward self-satisfaction?

Daily these men combine their knowledge, patience, proficiency, understanding, tact, and authority to direct efforts of the Agency. Their greatest asset is their ability to inspire in their subordinates and contemporaries alike a feverish desire to ac-

complish the mission, and often extreme devotion to duty, and a pride in dedicating themselves to service and country.

The truly outstanding members of the USASA are made, not born. These members more often than not form the nucleus of each station's success. The Agency, the United States, and her citizens should be deeply grateful for the creation of these most proficient members of the USASA. And this gratitude and indebtedness should be conferred upon the individuals solely responsible for the creation of these dedicated, proficient personnel, the men of the unsung breed.

Their voices may be gruff and impatient, quiet and understanding, warm and friendly, or serious and fatherly. Their stature is always dignified, their bearing erect and military, and their presence commands an aura of respect and attention.

They are never too busy to listen to a complaint or problem and are always available for advice or suggestions. Their knowledge and experience is both admirable and limitless. And though their physical characteristics and personalities vary greatly, their goal is the same—the efficient and successful accomplishment of the operational mission of the Army Security Agency.

How many soldiers in the USASA owe their small degree of success to these men of the unsung breed? Unknown though their tasks and responsibilities may be to the public, their feats and accomplishments are as important to America as any space or battlefield exploit.

I am grateful to these men, one and all. America is forever indebted to them and the irony of it all is that she is blissfully ignorant of her debt and its importance. I humbly and respectfully salute these men, a unique and unheralded breed, known only as *Operations Officers, United States Army Security Agency.* ■

-Weekend CQ-

From The Bangkok Bolt
83d RRSOU, Bangkok, Thailand

For the benefit of those people who have not yet experienced the joys of weekend CQ, I will attempt to describe a typical day.

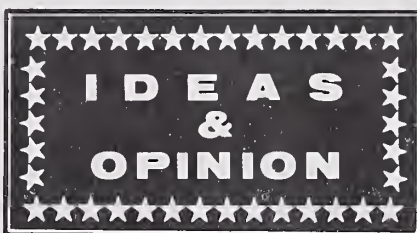
The day starts badly-you wake up. Only the thought of mowing the grass for the rest of your life prevents you from going back to sleep. You relieve the old CQ and sit down to read last week's newspaper until something happens.

When you finish reading last week's newspaper for the sixth time, you begin to think nothing will happen. Fours hours later (by which time you have searched every drawer in the office for something to read and have memorized the room assignment board) you start to wish that something would happen. It does: the phone rings. As you stand up to answer it, another phone rings. By the time you discover that the assistant CQ is not around to answer the other phone, two more ring. You answer the phone in the commander's office first. Some Thai is talking 400 words a minute, and the only Thai you know is "lumcoke" (rum and coke). Ignoring this phone for a minute, you answer the outside phone in the orderly room. After a vain effort to find a pencil or a piece of paper, you answer the operations phone: SGT Somebody (you couldn't quite catch the name) wants to speak to SP5 Somebody (you couldn't quite catch the name.) You put down the phone, count to ten, and say that he is signed out, call back later. Answering the mess hall phone, you discover the same Thai talking 400 words a minute. You don't stop to wonder how he can be on two phones at the same time, but it will bother you later.

A sixth sense warns you that if you hang up on him, he will turn out to be a General in the Thai Army with a short temper and important connections. You experience a brief, but painful, memory of the execution you saw on television last week. You would like to say (very politely,) "I'm sorry, sir. You have the wrong number." But you don't know any Thai. The

only Thai linguist who is not at work or signed out has been drinking in the club since last Tuesday. Suddenly the man stops talking. Your sixth sense tells you he is waiting for an answer. In desperation you say "chai" (tea) which is the only other Thai word you know. He seems satisfied and hangs up. You don't yet realize that you have just given him permission to arrest the American Ambassador.

Now that all the phones are silent, you find some paper and a pencil to write the message you memorized. MAJ Hanly (or is it Herdly? . . . Humloff?) wants CPT Morgan (or is it Morville? . . . Marcher?) to call him immediately at 71320 (or is it 72310? . . . 73120?)



A man comes in and says he is sick. (He has a temperature of 110 and muscle spasms.) You make out a sick slip and tell him not to worry. While he's not looking you check your shot record.

Things finally settle down. Nothing has happened for three hours and someone has loaned you a book. Your relief is short-lived. The swimming pool has a large crack down the side, four Thai policemen are at the gate to arrest someone, the new building is on fire, someone has just robbed the club, and one of the drivers has run over the Staff Duty NCO.

The phone rings: it's the American Ambassador, calling from the prison . . .

-Need for News-

All Agency personnel are eligible to submit material for possible inclusion in THE HALLMARK. This magazine provides you with a good means of telling news of your unit and its activities to your friends around the world.

If you have a story idea or a news item, talk to your unit HALLMARK reporter, or submit them directly to: Commanding General, HQ USASA, ATTN: IAOPS-I, Arlington Hall Station, Arlington, Va. 22212.

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron
Command
Sergeant Major



To each and every soldier in this command may I extend my sincere wishes for continued success in your personal endeavors; for safe travels in accomplishing your duties; and for God's protection whenever you may serve.

For your loved ones, who are also a part of this command, I wish the courage and understanding to wait, and maintain hope.

I believe each of us can more fully appreciate the true meaning of Christmas if we remember our comrades who serve in combat zones; those at isolated stations throughout the world; and those who have left our ranks. To those who will be departing this command, my sincere thanks for a job well done. To those who are new to the command, I count on you to insure that our traditions and accomplishments remain the best; and to those who continue to serve, I honor you as a credit to the profession you have chosen.

May each of you enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may God bless each of you—you are the Army's finest.

Clifford L. Charron

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SUBJECT: Christmas Message - 1968

All Members of the US Army Security Agency

Each year at this time I have the very special privilege of sending holiday greetings to all members of the United States Army Security Agency.

Wherever you happen to be stationed on this Christmas and New Year's Day, you are helping to keep peace and promote mutual trust and understanding among all people of good will.

To each of you, I extend my personal appreciation for all your past efforts. Through our combined efforts, we can look forward to continued success throughout the coming year.

My very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Charles J. Denholm", is positioned above the typed name.

CHARLES J. DENHOLM
Major General, USA
Commanding